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## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT

## STATE OF HAWAI'I

KELLEY WOODRUFF, M.D. and HAWAII CHILDREN'S BLOOD AND	) CIVIL NO. 02-1-0090-01 BIA ) (Other Civil Action)
CANCER GROUP,	
Plaintiffs,	) ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFFS' ) RENEWED AMENDED FIRST MOTION ) FOR PARTIAL SUMMARY JUDGMENT
VS.	) FILED MARCH 28, 2006
HAWAI'I PACIFIC HEALTH; KAPI'OLANI MEDICAL SPECIALISTS; KAPI'OLANI MEDICAL CENTER FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN; ROGER DRUE; FRANCES A. HALLONQUIST; NEAL WINN, M.D.; SHERREL HAMMAR, M.D.; DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP; DENNIS M. WARREN, ESQ.; JOHN DOES 1-99; JANE DOES 1-99 DOE ENTITIES 1-20; AND DOE GOVERNMENTAL UNITS 1-10,	) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) )  HEARING:  DATE: September 21, 2006  TIME: 10:30 a.m.  JUDGE: The Honorable Bert I. Ayabe
Defendants.	) TRIAL DATE: October 1, 2007
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## ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFFS' RENEWED AMENDED FIRST MOTION FOR PARTIAL SUMMARY JUDGMENT FILED MARCH 28, 2006

PLAINTIFFS' Renewed Amended First Motion for Partial Summary Judgment (hereafter "Plaintiffs' Motion") came on regularly for hearing on September 21, 2006 at 10:30 a.m. before the Honorable Bert I. Ayabe, Judge of the above entitled Court. Arleen D. Jouxson, Esq. and Rafael G. Del Castillo, Esq. appeared on behalf of Movants/Plaintiffs, Kenneth S. Robbins, Esq. appeared on behalf of Defendants Hawai'i Pacific Health, Kapi'olani Medical Specialists, Kapi'olani Medical Center For Women and Children, Roger Drue, Frances A. Hallonguist, Neal Winn, M.D., and Sherrel Hammar, M.D. (hereinafter collectively referred to as "HPH Defendants"). John T. Komeiji, Esq. and Karen Y. Arikawa, Esq. appeared on behalf of Defendant Deloitte & Touche LLP (hereafter "D&T"). John S. Nishimoto, Esq. and Michael J. Van Dyke, Esg. appeared on behalf of Defendant Dennis Warren, Esg. (hereafter "Mr. Warren").

The Court, having reviewed and considered the memoranda and exhibits submitted by the parties, having heard the arguments of counsel, and based upon the applicable law of Hawaii and the records, files, and pleadings herein, the Court finds that: in their Motion, Plaintiffs refer to "the Warren defamatory statements" in Count IX (Defamation) of Plaintiffs' Second Amended Complaint; "the Warren defamatory statements" concern statements made by Mr. Warren in the Voluntary Disclosure Submission (hereafter "VDS") that was submitted to the Office of Inspector General (hereafter "OIG"); even if the statements could be construed as defamation per se,

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based on the evidence presented and this Court's rulings on Mr. Warren's Motion for Summary Judgment, the substantive Joinders thereto, and D&T's Motion for Summary Judgment as to Count IX (Defamation) of the Second Amended Complaint filed February 17, 2005, Defendants had a qualified privilege and the privilege was not abused; as to the other defenses referred to in Plaintiffs' Motion, Plaintiffs fail to present any new argument. Therefore, this Court denies Plaintiffs' Renewed Amended First Motion for Partial Summary Judgment.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Plaintiffs' Renewed Amended First Motion For Partial Summary Judgment is denied.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawaii. FEB 0 6 2007

BERT I. AYAB

JUDGE OF THE ABOVE-ENTITLED COURT

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